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1. On 4 December 1952, the RFT-Funkwerk in Zittau-Olbersdorf was given Government Order No B 2/8062 by the Deputy Interior Minister in Charge of Economic Problems for the development of a signal polygon serving as training device for telegraphic transmission and reception and throat-type microphone communication. The signal polygon which was to duplicate a prototype used by the Soviet Army was scheduled to have one instructor place and up to 24 places for trainees, who could inter-communicate by groups of two or three or as one body.

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2. In late December 1952, Andechsels (fnu), quality inspector of the Deputy Interior Minister for the Zittau-Olbersdorf Funkwerk, stated that in 1953 the plant would have to deliver to the national army 10,000 Liliut type radio sets including 3,800 sets during the first three months of 1953. [REDACTED] the inspector himself delivered the first four prototypes of this set to the Development Office of the KVP Main Administration in East Berlin and that, on 7 January 1953, 16 more sets which were to be forwarded to VP units for field tests were handed over to the Zittau VP Headquarters which had to serve as liaison agency for the entire correspondence of the Funkwerk concerning development works.

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3. [REDACTED] two Soviet lieutenant colonels accompanied by a representative of the Deputy Interior Minister visited the Funkwerk, allegedly to examine possibilities for the production of blind landing devices and electrical altimeters. Source learned that the Soviet officers stated amounts up to 5,000,000 eastmarks could be made available for starting this production.
4. In late December 1952, source learned that the Material Supply Department of the Deputy Interior Minister in Charge of Economic Affairs had been

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divided into sections in December 1952. The Communication section was directed by Lange (fnu) and, according to a preliminary supply plan for 1953, had 70,000,000 eastmarks at its disposal for orders to RFT plants. Source also learned that only 17 percent of the 1952 production quotas had been fulfilled, since, for instance, plan orders amounting to 4,900,000 and 1,700,000 eastmarks could not be fulfilled by the Radeberg Sachsenwerk and the Leipzig Funkwerk respectively.

In December 1952, the former Development Office subordinate to the Deputy Interior Minister in Charge of Economic Affairs was renamed Technical Department.

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